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The Gujarat Assembly on Thursday passed the Freedom of Religion Act (Amendment) Bill that seeks to penalise forcible or fraudulent conversion by marriage or "love jihad' bringing in provisions against forcible conversion through marriage or allurement.

The Bill stipulates three years in jail and a fine of up to ₹5 lakh. The Bill says it is necessary to prohibit "forcible conversion by marriage or by getting a person married or by aiding a person to get married".